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1. WE SUGGEST THAT, IF THE US IS INTERESTED IN AVOIDING EC PREDATORY
SALES OF SUBSIDIZED GRAINS, THE AIDE MEMOIRE TO BE DELIVERED TO THE
COMMISSION CONCENTRATE PRIMARILY ON THAT ISSUE RATHER THAN STRESSING
THE FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT APPROACH OF THE US AND THE EC ON
THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF SUBSIDIES, WHICH WILL MERELY GIVE AN EX-
CUSE FOR EC HARDLINERS TO SHRUG OFF OUR CONCERNS ON THE BASIS OF
GENERAL PRINCIPLES. TO THIS END, WE SUGGEST THAT PARAGRAPH 5
IN REFTEL A BE CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "THE COMMISSION HAS MANY
TIMES TOLD US THAT THE COMMUNITY DOES NOT INTEND TO USE ITS GRAIN
SUBSI-

DIES TO EXPAND INTO NEW MARKETS, MOST RECENTLY IN THE DISCUSSIONS ON
WHEAT FLOUR IN THE APRIL 29-30 US/EC CONSULTATIONS. WITHOUT ADDRESS-
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ISSUE OF THE EXISTENCE OF EXPORT SUBSIDIES, ON WHICH IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THE US AND THE EC HOLD DIFFERING VIEWS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE FRENCH SALES TO BRAZIL ARE A CLEAR EXAMPLE OF EXPANSION INTO NEW MARKETS OF THE TYPE WHICH THE COMMISSION HAS SAID THE COMMUNITY WOULD AVOID. WE THEREFORE URGE THAT THE COMMISSION TAKE THE ACTION NECESSARY TO BRING THIS SITUATION TO AN END."

2. EMBASSY PARIS MAY BELIEVE OUR SUGGESTED WORDING IN- APPROPRIATE FOR DELIVERY TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND THAT SIMILAR WORDING WITH REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS STATEMENTS OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OR ONLY A VERY CONDENSED VERSION OF THE LAST PARAGRAPH WOULD BE BETTER.
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